

REMARKS

Claims 1-49 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Nos. 6,019, 303 and 6,260,781.

Applicant has canceled claim 33, and amended claims 31, 34-35, 38-39, 41, and 45. Applicant submits that the pending claims are not obvious in view of these two patents.

Independent claims 1 and 31 require the storage container support to rotate both a **forward direction** and a **reverse direction** for a period of time while the welding wire is packed into a storage container. This concept is not disclosed, taught or suggested in any of the cited art of record. The two Cooper patents cited by the examiner only disclose the rotation of the container support in a single direction during the packing of the wire in a storage container.

Applicant submits that the pending claims are allowable over the cited art of record. A notice of allowability is earnestly solicited.

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